

**LOUISVILLE METRO CRIMINAL JUSTICE COMMISSION
MEETING SUMMARY**

Thursday, September 15, 2005

Members Present: Judge Kathleen Voor Montano, Chair; Judge Donald Armstrong, Jr.; Lt. Col. Mike Hettich (Designee for Sheriff Aubrey); Tom Campbell; Patricia Combs; Glenda Bradshaw (Designee for Irv Maze); Sheriall Cunningham; Rev. Charles Duncan; Frank Dufon (Designee for Steven Gurley); Leo Smith (Designee for Dan Goyette); Roger Henderson; Julie Lewis; Richard Lewis; Marjean Martin; Tony King (Designee for Gary Oetjen); Harry Rothgerber (Designee for Dave Stengel); Lt. Col. Terri Winstead (Designee for Chief White); Tim Vize; and Louis Willis.

Excused Members: Kim Allen; Walker Cunningham; Robert Schmitt; Judge James Shake; and Clarence Williams.

Guests Present: Jennifer Leibson (Jefferson County Attorney's Office); Kim Yates (Supervisor, Court Designated Worker); Allison Kern (Jefferson County Attorney Drug Court); Maurice Risner (Jefferson County Public Schools); Julie Hayes (District Court Administrator); Russ Stapleton (Louisville Metro Police Department - LMPD); Ann Schiavone Dyke (Jefferson County Attorney's Office); Trish Berry (Office of Youth Development/YES); and Peggy Kidwell (Criminologist).

Staff Present: David Nicholson; Bruce McMichael; Stephanie Stidham; Faith Hartlage, Barbara West; and Harrison Hyden (intern).

I. WELCOME/CALL TO ORDER

Judge Montano, Chair, called the meeting to order, welcomed all in attendance and called for introductions and agency updates.

II. APPROVAL OF MEETING SUMMARY OF JUNE 16, 2005 MEETING

The meeting summary of the June 16, 2005 meeting was unanimously approved as submitted.

III. CHAIR'S REPORT

Judge Montano announced that September is National Alcohol and Drug Addiction Recovery Month and stated that children ages 12 and under are the nation's youngest drinkers and are at greater risk of future alcohol abuse than youth that begin drinking in college. October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month. A calendar of scheduled events was included in agenda packets. Judge Montano also invited those interested to attend the upcoming meeting of the Domestic Violence Prevention and Coordinating Council (DVPCC) scheduled for Friday, October 28th at 11:45 in the Crown Room. At that meeting, several committee reports will be provided to the community on efforts to address this issue. Harrison Hyden, intern at the Criminal Justice Commission and student at the University of Louisville's Sociology Department, was introduced and welcomed by Judge Montano.

IV. PRESENTATIONS

A. Dr. William Smock, University of Louisville Hospital Emergency Medicine – presented a PowerPoint presentation on the *Louisville Metro Project Safe Neighborhoods Gunshot Wound Registry Project*. The project, grant-funded through the U.S. Department of

Justice and the U.S. Attorney's Office, is studying the impact of gun violence in our community. There is a full-time research nurse dedicated to the project. At the current rate, our community will surpass 400 gunshot wounds in 2005, an average of more than one/day. Data reflects the following: peak age group is 18-22, predominantly male, African-American community shows more weapon use and assaults, Caucasian community's weapon use is predominantly for suicides (85% of suicides are alcohol-related), assaults/homicides occur more in urban areas, suicides are more prevalent in suburban areas, 80% of the costs related to gunshot wounds are borne by the taxpayer with the costs continuing to rise (2003-\$8.6M, 2004-\$9.4M, and 2005 predicted to be over \$10M), and although gunshot wounds makeup only 6% of indigent care, it will take 100% of indigent funding to cover the gunshot wound expenses. The project is multi-agency based and it is hoped that continued funding will be available for the research nurse position. Several area hospitals, the Health Department, University of Louisville and the Coroner's Office are currently providing data for the project. (A copy of the *Courier-Journal* article on the gunshot wound registry was included in the agenda packets.) Dr. Smock also mentioned another initiative he entitled *Project Bounce Back* which would solicit the aid of social workers to work with the youth victims. There are incidents of some victims who have been admitted on more than one occasion for gunshot wounds. Dr. Smock's hope is to break the chain of violence that leads to these events and is looking for grant funding for this project as well.

B. Lt. Col. Mike Hettich, Chief Deputy, Jefferson County Sheriff's Office – presented information on our local Law Enforcement Memorial and statistical information on law enforcement personnel deaths/assaults. The first death of a law enforcement officer was in 1792 in New York City. There have been a total of 16,500 deaths in the line of duty, with an average of 57,000 assaults each year and 17,000 injuries. The deadliest year for law enforcement was 1974 when there were 271 deaths. Ironically, this was the year that soft body armor was introduced. There is an average of one death every 53½ hours with Wednesdays being the deadliest day of the week. Proactive training has helped to save lives and Kentucky is fortunate to have good training academies. LMPD also assists with training other law enforcement agencies.

Work on the local Law Enforcement Memorial, located in Jefferson Square Park, began in 1987 and was completed in 1992 at a cost of \$80,000. The dedication ceremony was held on November 25, 1992.

V. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Computerization Committee - Tim Vize, Chair - thanked Judge Armstrong and the clerks who have been working with the Committee on the E-Citation Project. The project started on May 19, 2005 with some 6,596 E-citations being issued by LMPD. There are currently 30 officers using the program. All agencies having VPN connections to the project will be trained in the near future.

B. Children Who Witness Domestic Violence – in the absence of Dan Fox, Chair, Judge Montano reported that children have been chosen to participate in an art project designed for children who witness domestic violence. Mr. Fox will advise staff when the dates of the art display are determined.

C. Elder Abuse Services Coordinating Committee - Jennifer Leibson, Chair – reported that the committee had received \$250,000 in grant funds from the Federal Department of Justice for training. In the first year, 676 officers, Family Court personnel and most of the District Court personnel were trained. Additionally some 787 others from various agencies received training. The grant has been extended for an additional year and Ms. Leibson and

others are working on training materials. Jefferson County is being seen as a model by the State for training in this field. Ms. Leibson also reported that referrals from LMPD and Adult Protective Services are up. A Senior Day Out, sponsored by TRIAD, has been scheduled at Slugger Field on October 11th. There will be another event on November 10th. Flyers for the November event will be provided at the next Board meeting. Ms. Leibson also mentioned a new mental inquest video she has been producing. Judge Montano encouraged individuals to view this video and attend the training.

VI. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

David Nicholson reported on the following:

- Individuals attending a recent meeting of "The Group" reviewed and critiqued a video of the devastation/recovery efforts in New Orleans.
- Nine members of the Disproportionate Minority Confinement (DMC) Grant Advisory Committee are scheduled for a site visit to Santa Cruz, California at the end of September. This site is a Burns Institute Model for DMC projects.
- In the area of juvenile justice, there has been much discussion and research conducted on juvenile bench warrants and issues related to the warrant process.
- The Field Release Project is partnering with the LMPD in the Second Division, YMCA Safe Place, and the Court Designated Worker program, to find alternatives to detention for non-detainable youth.
- The Citizens Commission on Police Accountability is meeting on a monthly basis and currently has three cases for review.
- The Jail Policy Committee is looking at policy and alternatives to incarceration for the increasing jail population. The Committee is looking for a consultant to review the population and prepare forecasts.
- LMPD was awarded a \$540,000 Port Authority Grant to enhance security of the Ohio River and waterfront.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Sheriall Cunningham announced that a one-man play by David Block will be performed at the Clifton Center on October 2nd at 7:00 p.m. The play is entitled "Psychobabliish" and is appropriate for individuals of all ages. Staff will send a follow-up email reminder to Board members.

VIII. ADJOURN/NEXT MEETING

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned. The next scheduled meeting is Thursday, October 20, 2005, at 2:00 p.m. in the Crown Room of the Judicial Center.